

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2005.

Election

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the claims to be restricted to one of five alleged inventions: Group I, including claims 11-12 and 21-26; Group II including claims 13-15 and 27-30; Group III including claims 16-17 and 31-34; Group IV including claims 18-19 and 35-37; and Group V including claims 20 and 38-40.

Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Group I, including claims 11-12 and 21-26. Claims 1-10 are generic. Claims 13-20 and 27-40 are withdrawn pending examination of the generic claims.

Applicants make this election to further the prosecution process. This election is not meant to indicate that the Applicants agree or disagree with the restriction requirement.

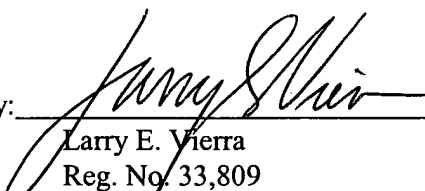
Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of claims 1-12 and 21-26 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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